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PART IV.

Official Papers.

READ :—

Docket No. 989—939, dated 10th March 1892, from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, requesting sanction to the 2 works named on the margin, in the Kundur Magani of the Honnali Taluk, at an estimated cost of Rs. 1,017.

	Estimated Cost.
1. Timmanhalli (Katte or Honda)	... 710
2. Kangalhalli (Katte or Honda)	... 307
	1,017

No. D. 272, DATED BANGALORE, 25TH MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—The works proposed in the above, estimated to cost Rs. 1,017, are sanctioned. They will be added to the programme of Village Relief Works for the Shimoga District sanctioned in Proceedings No. D. 98, dated 22nd January 1892.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAPER :—

From the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District, To the Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore, No. 943, dated 11th March 1892.

With reference to Government Order Camp No. D. 49 of the 23rd December 1891, sanctioning Rs. 300 for sinking a fresh water well at Bethlur in the Tumkur Taluk, I have the honor to report that the well was completed to-day. I went and saw it. It is 47 feet deep, 4 feet long and 3 feet and 3 inches wide. It is revetted with stones throughout. There is 13 feet of good potable water in it. It is a matter of great convenience to the villagers, who are extremely pleased with it. They had no water there, the only mud well of the village having dried up.

No. D. 273, DATED BANGALORE, 25TH MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

2. The Government will be glad to hear of the *completion* of more drinking water wells of the kind described in the above in all the affected Districts in the Province.

READ :—

Docket No. 1079, dated 5th March 1892, from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, requesting that a sum of Rs. 1,000 be placed at his disposal for the collection of Tangadi bark as measure.

No. D. 274, DATED BANGALORE, 25TH MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Sanctioned.

READ :—

Diary (of which an Abstract is given below) of Mr. H. V. Nanjundaiya, Sub-Judge on Special duty, for the week ending 12th March 1892, received with docket No. 3625—862, dated 16th idem, from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

ABSTRACT.

Wells in 11 villages in the Bowringpet Taluk were inspected by the Special Officer during the week.

The number and amount of loans sanctioned during the week were as follows :—

Taluk.	By whom granted.	No. of Loans.	Description of Wells.					Amount sanctioned.	Amount paid as 1st instalment.	Period allowed for repayment.
			New kapile.	Old kapile.	New yatam.	Old yatam.	Total.			
Bowringpet ...	Special Officer	15	2	...	9	4	15	2,325	855	6 to 20 years.
Sidlaghatta ...	Do	1	1	...	...	...	1	150	50	5 years.
Chintamani ...	Do	1	...	1	...	...	1	200	65	15 years.
Kolar ...	Deputy Commissioner.	1	...	...	1	...	1	50	50	10 years.
Total.....	...	18	3	1	10	4	18	2,725	1,020	...

The Special Officer notes that up to the 12th March 1892 a sum of Rs. 30,405 had been sanctioned by him, and Rs. 4,920 by other officers, in the Kolar District, and that he would require Rs. 3,000 more for the Bowringpet Taluk and Rs. 5,000 for each of the taluks of Srinivasapur, Chintamani and Bagepalli, and he asks that the requisite amount be placed at his disposal. The Deputy Commissioner notes that he has applied for a further grant of Rs. 30,000.

The Special Officer having noticed that there was great scarcity of drinking water at Muduguli, the Deputy Commissioner has called for early submission of an estimate for deepening the well there.

No work was being done at the Toppanhalli Relief Work as many of the coolies had gone for the Kamasandra fair. A Brahmin who was one of the coolies on that work, employed in levelling the earth thrown on the bund, complained of the Patel having lately declined to employ him, and the Patel explained that the man would not regularly attend to work.

No. D. 275, DATED BANGALORE, 25TH MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—The sum of Rs. 30,000, applied for by the Deputy Commissioner, was sanctioned in Proceedings No. D. 248, dated 17th March 1892. The Deputy Commissioner should so allot the grant as to enable the Special Officer to dispose of all deserving applications in the taluks to which he is going and to obviate as far as possible the necessity for his going to those taluks a second time.

The Deputy Commissioner should inquire into the case of the individual whom the Patel in charge of the Toppanhalli Relief Work refused to employ. That a man does not attend regularly is no ground for not employing him on days on which he comes to work. Nothing short of incorrigible idleness can justify refusal to afford employment. The spirit of the instructions conveyed in the Dewan's Memo No. D. 27, dated 13th December 1891, should be impressed on this and other Patels.

The closing of a Relief Work in the absence of some or many of the coolies seems to be objectionable. The Relief Works ought to be kept open on all such of the old coolies as are present, as well as new applicants, should be given employment.

READ :—

Letter No. 647, dated 14th March 1892, from the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District.

No. D. 276, DATED BANGALORE, 25TH MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—With the letter above cited, the Deputy Commissioner, Kadur District, submits a list of Village Relief works of an estimated cost of Rs. 4,870 for the Chikmagalur, Kadur and Tarikere Taluks of his District. He says that these works are not immediately required as sufficient labor is not available even for the several Public Works Department works now in progress, but that they may be wanted in the event of the next rains failing.

With the exception of the two well works named on the margin, which may be executed by the Deputy Commissioner from the allotment from District Funds at his disposal, the programme of Village Relief works of an estimated cost of Rs. 4,470 is sanctioned. A sum of Rs. 2,000 will at once be placed at the Deputy Commissioner's disposal for starting any of the works in the programme when the need therefor actually arises.

	Rs.
Balenhalli Well, (Chikmagalur Taluk) ...	300
Bhandre Well, (Tarikere Taluk) ..	100
Total.....	400

Relief Works proposed to be done by the Revenue Department.

No.	Name of Work.	Amount of Estimate.		
I. CHIKMAGALUR TALUK.				
1	Kunnal Katte...	200	0	0
2	Uddeboranahalli Katte ...	120	0	0
3	Sarapanahalli do ...	250	0	0
4	Gangarahalli do ...	350	0	0
Total.....		920	0	0
II. KADUR TALUK.				
5	Katte at Hogrehalli ...	300	0	0
6	Do Timmapur ...	300	0	0
7	Do Dodagutta ...	300	0	0
8	Do Harisamudra ...	300	0	0
9	Do Basavanahalli ...	200	0	0
10	Tank at Bidre ...	400	0	0
Total.....		1,800	0	0
III. TARIKERE TALUK.				
11	Giggane Katte ...	100	0	0
12	Rangapur do ...	200	0	0
13	Gadihalli Honda ...	300	0	0
14	Mugali Tank ...	200	0	0
15	Road across Dalavayi Tank (Portion of cost contributed by parties interested) ...	600	0	0
16	Giriyapur Tank ...	350	0	0
Total.....		1,750	0	0
Grand Total.....		4,470	0	0

READ :—

Letter No. 837, dated 9th March 1892, from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District.

No. D. 277, DATED BANGALORE, 25TH MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—With the letter cited above, the Deputy Commissioner of Hassan submits a programme of Village Relief Works at an estimated cost of Rs. 6,689 for the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks. He promises to send a supplemental list of works for the Channarayapatna and Holé-Narsipur Taluks.

2. The 2 well works named in the margin should be excluded from the programme as they may be executed from the allotment made for drinking water wells from District Funds.
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| 1. Ammangudi well (Javagal Hobli, Arsikere Taluk)... | Estimate.
Rs.
307 |
| 2. Well at Gaudagere (Kasaba Hobli, Channarayapatna Taluk) ... | 100 |
| Total..... | 407 |
3. The programme of works as thus reduced, and estimated to cost Rs. 6,282, is sanctioned.
4. Rupees 3,000 were placed at the disposal of this Deputy Commissioner for Relief Works by Proceedings No. D. 119, dated 26th January 1892. More funds will be given when that amount is exhausted.
5. The estimates for works costing above Rs. 500, submitted by the Deputy Commissioner, are approved.

Programme of Works.

				Amount of Estimate.		
ARSIKERE TALUK.—						
JAMAGAL HOBILI.—						
1. Nagalpur Katte	...	...	...	432	0	
2. Do Channel	...	...	...	882	0	
3. Bommagatta Tank	...	...	...	967	0	
KASABA HOBILI.—						
4. Repairing the feeder channel of Arsikere Kasaba Tank	...	...	...	860	0	0
GANDASI HOBILI.—						
5. Kenkere Tank	...	...	...	784	0	0
6. Mavinkere Tank	...	...	...	484	0	0
Total.....				4,409	0	0
CHANNARAYAPATNA TALUK.—						
NUGGIHALI HOBILI.—						
Kubli Tank	...	...	...	528	0	0
Boran Katte Tank	...	...	...	645	0	0
HIRESAVE HOBILI.—						
Narehalli Tank	...	...	...	300	0	0
Keresave Tank	...	...	...	400	0	0
Total.....				1,873	0	0
Grand Total.....				6,282	0	0

READ :—

Returns (of which an Abstract is given below) of the progress of Relief Works and Drinking Water wells in the Tumkur District for the fortnight ending 14th February 1892, received with docket No. 948, dated 15th March 1892, from the Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur.

ABSTRACT.

- I. VILLAGE RELIEF WORKS.—Twenty-eight tank works estimated to cost Rs. 19,603 were started, and up to the end of the fortnight a sum of Rs. 2,642—11—9 was spent upon them. The number of coolies at work on one of them (Hoskere Chikkere, Maddagiri Taluk) has not been reported, but it was probably small as the amount

spent on that work was only Rs. 10—10—0. The number of coolies on the remaining 27 works at the end of the fortnight was 1,333 and they were distributed as follows:—

Taluk.	No. of Works.	No. of Coolies.				Amount spent.		
		Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.			
Tumkur ...	10	175	97	10	282	633	13	0
Chiknayakanhalli ...	3	92	42	...	134	163	14	0
Pavagada ...	2	33	30	...	63	191	14	2
Kunigal ...	8	436	116	...	552	1,459	8	6
Turuvekere (Sub-Taluk) ...	4	128	172	2	302	183	0	1
Maddagiri ...	1	...	...	...	...	10	10	0
	28	864	457	12	1,333	2,642	11	9

The number of works at which the coolies exceeded 50 in number, was nine, of which 5 had between 50 and 100 coolies, 3, all in the Kunigal Taluk, between 100 and 200, and 1, namely Dasihalli, Turuvekere Sub-Taluk, over 200.

The coolies that attended the 27 works belonged to nearly 99 different villages, each work thus serving 3·5 villages. The villages were generally within 3 miles from the respective works, excepting four, which were situated at a distance of 4 miles from them.

The return gives no information regarding the arrangements made for the execution of the Hoskere Chikkere work referred to, and it is not stated whether the 3 works in the Chiknayakanhalli Taluk were carried on on the Amani system or the contract system. The other works were all on the Amani system. Three works (namely Byalkere in the Chiknayakanhalli Taluk, Afsarkatte, Pavagada Taluk, and Balankatte at Tumkur) were in the charge of a Shekdar, a Shanbhog and a Head Cooly, respectively. The others were in charge of Patels, acting singly or in conjunction with others.

The task system is said to have been followed and it is stated that a male cooly earned from 3 to 4 annas per day and a female cooly 2 annas per day. Wages were sufficient.

The Deputy Commissioner notes that the inspection of the works was satisfactory.

II. AMANI CULTIVATION.—This was done in the beds of the Tumkur Tank and of 2 others in the Tumkur Taluk. A sum of Rs. 298—14—0 was spent on the former, and Rs. 17—6—0 on the latter. The rates of wages paid were 4 annas for each male and 2 annas for each female or child.

III. DRINKING WATER WELLS.—The construction of 22 new wells at an aggregate estimated cost of Rs. 4,490 and the deepening of 16 old wells at an aggregate estimated cost of Rs. 899, were sanctioned. Of those, one new well in the Tumkur Taluk was completed at a cost of Rs. 100 and 29 wells old and new were under construction. Eight wells out of the number sanctioned had not yet been taken on hand. The distribution of the wells was as follows:—

			New Wells.		Old Wells.	
			No.	Cost.	No.	Cost.
Tumkur Town ...	...	...	2	1,435	...	...
Do Taluk ...	...	...	4	253	2	85
Chiknayakanhalli Taluk ...	...	...	11	819	2	154
Sub-Taluk ...	...	...	...	...	5	372
Sub-Taluk ...	...	...	2	1,796	2	122
Turuvekere Sub-Taluk ...	...	...	...	187	5	166
Total.....			22	4,490	16	899

No. D. 278, DATED BANGALORE, 25TH MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—The Deputy Commissioner should have satisfied himself that the return submitted to this office was complete and accurate. The omissions noted above should be supplied as early as practicable.

2. Every endeavour should be made to complete the Drinking Water wells sanctioned by the Deputy Commissioner at an early date.

READ :—

The following report on the condition of the Hassan District for the fortnight ending 15th March 1892, received from the Deputy Commissioner of Hassan :—

CROPS HARVESTED.—Ragi and togare, in the Belur Taluk, Bengal-gram in Arsikere Taluk, ragi and paddy in Arkalgud Taluk are being stored. In Arkalgud Taluk, the out-turn of paddy and ragi would be about 14 annas and horse-gram from 4 to 6 annas.

STANDING CROPS.—Paddy in Manjarabad Taluk, paddy, sugar-cane, onions and garlic in Channarayapatna, Bengal-gram in Arsikere and Grama Sub-Taluk, kar-paddy in Holé-Narsipur Taluk are reported to be thriving well. Bengal-gram crop in Channarayapatna Taluk partially failed. The kar-paddy in Holé-Narsipur Taluk is estimated at 8 anna crop.

FOOD GRAINS.—The markets in the District are well and fairly supplied and the Taluks are well stocked with grains.

The prices of grains are as follow :—

Rice from 8 to 10 seers per rupee.

Ragi from 20 to 24 seers do

Horse-gram from 12 to 14 seers do.

Large quantities of rice from Alur Santé are being exported to other Taluks of the Province and elsewhere.

FODDER FOR CATTLE.—Is available except in parts of Arsikere, Channarayapatna and Holé-Narsipur. In Arsikere Taluk, date leaves are being used. Green grass is generally scarce.

WATER SUPPLY.—There is no difficulty for water and where there is, arrangements are made for sinking wells. In Hiresave and Shravana Belagola Hoblis, there was a shower of rain which brought water to the Kattes from 2 to 4 weeks' supply.

CONDITION OF CATTLE.—Generally good, but *kal-jora*, *bai-jora* and marrain prevail in parts of Hassan, Arsikere and Belur Taluks.

GENERAL CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE.—Good. But small-pox prevails generally and particularly in Hassan, Belur and Arsikere Taluks.

RELIEF OPERATIONS.—Necessity for opening Relief Works has not yet arisen. Laborers are holding off from going in large numbers to D. P. W. works now in hand.

No. D. 279, DATED, BANGALORE, 25TH MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

READ :—

The following report on the condition of the Kadur District for the fortnight ending 15th March 1892, received from the Deputy Commissioner of Kadur :—

STATE OF CROPS.—The few standing crops, *viz*, jola, sugar-cane and cotton in the Maidan, and coffee, arecanut and kvade paddy in the Malnad, are generally in a fair condition. The standing crops in Maidan are in need of water.

2. SUPPLY OF FOOD GRAINS.—Markets were fairly supplied with rice and ragi. The sources of supply are said to be sufficient to meet the general demand till next May.

3. SUPPLY OF WATER.—Good in Malnad, but very scanty in the Maidan where much difficulty is beginning to be experienced. Well works sanctioned from District Funds are in progress and sanction is applied for more.

4. FODDER FOR CATTLE.—Generally good in Malnad but scanty in the Maidan. A few of the Maidan herds have been sent to the Malnad. The fodder in the Government Kavals now thrown open to the public is very scanty. Jola stalks being imported into Kadur Taluk from Ajjampur.

5. Rise and fall of food grains.—

Grain.	Present Fortnight.		Past Fortnight.	
	Seers per rupee.		Seers per rupee.	
Rice	... 7	to 12	... 7	to 12
Ragi	... 16	to 24	... 13	to 20
Gram	... 12	to 14	... 12	to 15

Prices slightly better.

6. DEMAND FOR LABOR.—There is no demand for relief; in fact coolies are leaving coffee plantations and arecanut gardens under the impression that they can get Relief Works nearer their homes, and want of labor is a general complaint amongst the Planters just now. The Amildars are ordered to discourage the coolies from leaving the Malnad as much as possible.

7. CONDITION OF THE DISTRICT.—Generally good. Small-pox is prevalent in parts of Chikmagalur and Mudgere Taluks as also cattle disease in the latter.

No. D. 280, DATED BANGALORE, 25TH MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

READ:—

Returns (of which an Abstract is given below) of the progress of Drinking Water wells sanctioned up to 15th February 1892, and of Relief Works started up to the 30th January 1892, in the Kolar District, received with dockets Nos. 3543—842 and 3637—867, dated the 10th and 17th March 1892, respectively, from the Deputy Commissioner of Kolar.

ABSTRACT.

1. VILLAGE RELIEF WORKS.—The following table shows the number of works started, the estimated cost thereof, the amount spent on them up to 30th January 1892 and the number of coolies working on them:—

	Number of Works.	Estimated Cost.	Amount spent.		Number of Coolies.			
					Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
			Rs.	A. P.				
Kolar Taluk	2	2,000	414	12 1	102	56	15	173
Chintamani Taluk	9	3,680	921	5 9	143	132	7	282
Srinivaspur Sub-Taluk	4	1,650	472	6 5	91	54	5	150
Mulbagal Taluk	8	4,425	987	9 1	178	160	14	352
Bagepalli Taluk	7	4,500	489	7 10	84	102	12	198
Gudibanda Sub-Taluk	2	1,000	176	9 3	20	27	0	47
Total.....	32	17,255	3,462	2 5	618	531	53	1,202

The works were all carried on on the Amani system and were in charge of Village Patels.

The wages paid were annas $2\frac{1}{2}$ or $2\frac{1}{4}$ for a male cooly, annas $1\frac{1}{2}$ for a female cooly and 1 anna for each child.

The Deputy Commissioner observes that the management and supervision of the works are efficient, and that the wages paid are at present considered sufficient.

COLLECTION OF TANGADI BARK AND REMOVAL OF PRICKLY PEAR.—No outlay was incurred on these during the period in question.

3. DRINKING WATER WELLS.—The number of these sanctioned up to the 15th February 1892 was as follows:—

	New wells.	Estimated Amount.			Deepening old wells.	Estimated Amount.		
		Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
Kolar Taluk	3	800	8	0	5	883	0	0
Bowringpet do	5	833	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chintamani do	3	993	0	0	0	0	0	0
Srinivaspur Sub-Taluk	1	40	0	0	1	100	0	0
Mulbagal Taluk	5	885	0	0	2	400	0	0
Chikballapur do	1	142	0	0	1	25	0	0
Bagepalli do	2	314	0	0	0	0	0	0
Malur do	2	810	0	0	2	187	0	0
Total.....	22	4,817	8	0	11	1,595	0	0

Out of the 33 wells sanctioned, the deepening of one in the Kolar Taluk at a cost of Rs. 68-6-0 was completed. All the rest remained under construction.

No. D. 281, DATED BANGALORE, 25TH MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—The returns submitted are not for one and the same period, the statement for Relief Works being up to 30th January and that for Drinking Water wells up to 15th February 1892.

2. The names of the villages to which the coolies belong are not stated in respect of the works in the Chintamani and Bagepalli Taluks. The coolies who came to the remaining 16 works belonged to 63 different villages, which shows that each of these works served on an average 4 villages. The distance of the villages noted against the Viratimmanahalli Tank, Srinivaspur Sub-Taluk, from that tank work is not stated. The other villages were at very short distances from the respective works, only 2 being at a distance of 2 miles. Future returns should be submitted complete without any omission.

3. The Government note with satisfaction that the management of Relief Works by Patels has been satisfactory in the Kolar District.

4. The Drinking Water wells sanctioned by the Deputy Commissioner should be completed as soon as possible.

READ THE FOLLOWING PAPERS:—

From the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, To the Chief Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore, No. 1015—965, dated 18th March 1892.

Has the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government copy of Sagar Sub-Division Officer's letter No. 132, dated 15th instant, and to state that the undersigned concurs generally in the views of the Sub-Division Officer.

From the Sub-Division Officer, Sagar, To the Deputy Commissioner, Shimoga District, No. 132, dated 15th March 1892.

I have the honor to state that in my recent tour of inspection in the Sorab Taluk, I inspected almost all the villages of the Maidan portion of the Anavatti and Jade Hoblis. I also visited some villages of the Shikarpur Taluk, bordering on the former Hobli.

2. The prospects of the season, excepting in a few villages bordering on the Hangal and Koda Taluks of the Dharwar District, are very favorable. They have had almost full crops both in dry and wet lands, the least estimate being twelve annas. The same may be said as regards the villages of the Shikarpur Taluk bordering on Anavatti Hobli.

3. Some twenty villages of the Hiré-Chowti, Anavatti and Tavanandi Maganis of the Sorab Taluk and two or three of the Shikarpur Taluk bordering on Hirekerur have suffered to some extent. The wet crops in these villages being on an average three annas, and dry a little more than four annas. These villages are situated almost in one group to the north and north-east of Anavatti adjoining the villages of the Dharwar District. Even in some of these villages, taking individually, the dry crop was good and it may be estimated at 10 annas.

4. The supply of drinking water both for human beings and cattle is good. Of course, it is not so abundant as in a good year, but yet there is no reason to complain on the subject. In these parts, the drinking water is stored in "Hondas." Every village has a "Honda" or two, and these contain from three to six months' supply. In villages in which these reservoirs get dry, there will arise real difficulty, but the probabilities are against such a contingency.

5. The pasture in the village jungles is plentiful. In the event of its failure the adjoining jungle tracts of the Malnad villages will afford ample relief to the cattle of this small tract.

6. The prices of food-grain are not very high. Rice which is the staple food-grain is now sold from 8 to 10 seers per rupee, the price in an average year being 14 to 16. Javari and ragi are sold from 17 to 19 per rupee. From a careful local enquiry, I learnt that there is at least two years' supply, in store, in the country.

7. Although this tract is called Maidan, it is not so thickly populated as an average Hobli of Maidan Taluks in Tumkur or Chitaldroog District. There are very few laboring classes. The labor is so scarce as to induce the raiyats, to always import it from outside. Owing to scarcity in the adjoining Dharwar District, an unusually large number of laboring classes have immigrated into these parts, which raiyats consider a great advantage to themselves. The Maidan laborers who have temporarily settled here find ample work and their employers find cheap labor. Thus the advantages are mutual. In ordinary times, the wages of an adult field laborer are annas four and a seer of rice with condiments. Now owing to influx of laborers, the labor is much cheaper. These facts clearly show that our people are not in need of relief. For the most part, the so called landless classes of the Malnad in general are in reality the tenants, and however severe the scarcity might be, their land-lords afford them every possible relief. In the famine of 1876-78, I was informed that no relief works were found necessary. The Assistant Engineer in charge of the Range informed me that he finds it very difficult to get labor for the ordinary public works in progress in these parts.

8. The general opinion is that if next south-west monsoon were to prove a failure, we might be involved in a severe form of distress or famine and relief works may then be found necessary. There are numerous minor tanks throughout the country, and relief works might be opened in different centres. I shall be watching the prospect of season and take needful action when there is an occasion for it. For the present, however, nothing is needed and if there are any in need of work, they will find in sufficient quantity if they resort to ordinary public works which are in progress in the vicinity of the Hoblis.

No. D. 282, DATED BANGALORE, 28TH MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

2. The Government are very glad to have such a favorable report on the condition of the Sagar Sub-Division in the present season of drought.

READ:—

The following report on the condition of the Bangalore District for the fortnight ending 15th March 1892, received with docket No. 30, dated 16th idem, from the Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore.

REPORT.

RAIN-FALL.—A very partial and scanty shower of rain reported as follows, during the fortnight:—

Bangalore Taluk	...	...	10 cents on the 1st March.
Kankanhalli Taluk	...	...	10 do do
Anekal do	...	...	4 do do

STATE OF AGRICULTURE AND CROP.—Sugar-cane being sown in a few parts of Closepet, Devanhalli and Anekal Taluks where a little water is still available. The cane is still being milled in parts of Anekal, Devanhalli, Closepet, Kankanhalli and Doddballapur Taluks. Bengal-gram in two tank beds in Closepet reported to have come to bearing; they withered elsewhere.

WATER-SUPPLY.—Water in all the wells is rapidly going down. Some are fast drying up. But new ones are being sunk. Distress for water is felt throughout. Very little water left in the Hirikere, Budigere and Gudavanhalli tanks, Devanhalli Taluk; Gabbadi, Lingaiyanakere and Tataguppe tanks, Kankanhalli Taluk; Hesarughatta and Hongasandra tanks, Nelamangala Taluk; and Mankanhalli tank, Doddballapur Taluk.

PUBLIC HEALTH.—Generally good. Small-pox and fever prevail to some extent in Magadi and Devanhalli Taluks.

FODDER AND CONDITION OF CATTLE.—Cattle are generally emaciated for want of fodder. "Dodroga" is stated to prevail in parts of Anekal Taluk. Out-look bad.

FOOD GRAINS.—Markets well supplied. Prices favorable owing probably to the Revenue collections being enforced which tends to bring greater supply of grains to markets.

Taluks.	Rice, 2nd Sort.	Ragi.	Horse- gram.
Bangalore	7 $\frac{1}{4}$	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{4}$
Hoskote	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	16	12
Devanhalli	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	15	12
Dodballapur	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	17	12
Nelamangala	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	18	13
Kankanhalli	7	16	12
Magadi	7	20	16
Anekal	8	16	12 $\frac{1}{4}$

RELIEF WORKS.—Relief Works in progress in Dodballapur, Devanhalli and Anekal Taluks. Laborers get employments generally.

READ ALSO:—

The following report of the Sub-Division Officer, Closepet, on the condition of the Sub-Division for the same period received with the above.

REPORT.

STANDING CROPS.—Sugar-cane and Mulberry are being harvested to a limited extent and the cane has withered away to a great extent in Closepet Taluk.

Water melons in the beds of Honganur and Waddarhalli tanks and kadle in the bed of Garakahalli tank are being harvested.

PRICES OF FOOD GRAINS.—Rice sold at 8 seers a rupee at Channapatna, and the prices elsewhere are stationary.

WATER SUPPLY.—The scarcity is much felt. Drinking water wells are being sunk.

FODDER.—Scarce. Cattle fed on date leaves in the Kankanhalli Taluk, and in Magadi, they are taken to jungles for pasture.

PUBLIC HEALTH.—Small-pox and fever prevalent in Magadi.

DEMAND FOR LABOR.—There is a stock of ragi with the villagers. No demand for labor. Coolies are employed on works started by the Public Works Department.

No. D. 283, DATED BANGALORE, 28TH MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

2. Drinking water wells should be sunk rapidly to supply the growing want of water in the District.

READ:—

Letter No. 1091, dated 9th March 1892, from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District.

No. D. 285, DATED BANGALORE, 25TH MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—With the foregoing letter, the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore submits a programme of Village Relief Works for the Taluks comprised with the French Rocks Sub-Division, which is the only affected tract in his District present. He promises to submit a similar programme for the other Taluks District at an early date.

2. The programme now submitted provides works for the French Rocks Sub-Division, of an aggregate estimated cost of Rs. 88,675, including earthwork and stone and masonry work. The work to be done on village tanks in the present season is chiefly earthwork, as persons with no knowledge of professional labor of

any kind have to be employed on them. The lists submitted by the Deputy Commissioner do not give the estimated cost of the earthwork for most of the works in the programme except in the case of the Malvalli and Krishnarajpet Taluks, and even there the cost of earthwork on the Murkanhalli and other tanks have not been given. This information should be supplied at once.

3. The Dewan is satisfied that the works have been carefully selected with due regard to their utility and their distance from the villages which they are intended to serve. The programme is accordingly sanctioned, but the estimated cost of it will be specified when the Deputy Commissioner gives the cost of earthwork as ordered above.

4. A sum of Rs. 10,000 will be at once placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore for opening such works as may be immediately required for village tank works within the limits of the French Rocks Sub-Division.

5. A good number of works are in progress in the Sub-Division under the agency of the Public Works Department. The Deputy Commissioner should be careful not to open Village Relief Works in places in the vicinity of which works under the Public Works Department are in progress.

READ :—

Letter No. 40, dated 24th March 1892, from the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, reporting that the scheme sanctioned for the relief of weavers in the Bangalore, Dodd-ballapur and Anekal Taluks is working satisfactorily, and requesting sanction for an advance of Rs. 8,481—10—0 for similar arrangements being made in the Devanhalli, Magadi and Kankanhalli Taluks.

No. D. 287, DATED BANGALORE, 30TH MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—A sum of Rs. 8,500 is placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner of the Bangalore District for the relief of indigent weavers in the Devanhalli, Magadi and Kankanhalli Taluks, upon the principles laid down in Proceedings No. D. 81, dated 14th January 1892.

READ :—

Letter No. 984, dated 25th March 1892, from the Deputy Commissioner, Tumkur District.

No. D. 290, DATED BANGALORE, 30TH MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—A sum of Rs. 10,000, in addition to the sums already granted, will at once be placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur for Village Tank works in his District. The sum should be debited to the grant of Rs. 93,200 made for such works in Proceedings No. D. 43, dated 23rd December 1891.

2. The grant now sanctioned makes up a total of Rs. 30,000 placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur up to date.

READ :—

Diary (of which an Abstract is given below) of Mr. B. G. Krishnaiengar, Assistant Commissioner, on Special duty, for the fortnight ending 12th March 1892, received with docket No. 603—571, dated 17th idem, from the Deputy Commissioner of Chitaldroog.

ABSTRACT.

1. After staying at Bangalore from the 23rd to 27th February, Mr. Krishnaiengar visited parts of the Tiptur Taluk, the Huliya and Hosdurga Sub-Taluk and the Holalkere and Davangere Taluks.

2. He explained the Irrigation well rules to the Patels and raiyats of several Hoblis of the Tiptur Taluk, and also to the raiyats of the Huliya Sub-Taluk. The former were previously not well acquainted with the rules, but after hearing the same explained, some of them evinced a wish to take advantage of the rules. The Acting Amildar was asked to interest himself in the matter and have applications ready by the time Mr. Krishnaiengar came there in the early part of April. In the Huliya Sub-Taluk no applications were made for loans for wells, but some asked for loans for Saguvali kattés and the Deputy Amildar promised to enquire into their cases.
3. In the Hosdurga Sub-Taluk the borings were not successful excepting two, and the applicants said they would prefer to avail themselves of the scheme next year as they were not able to cart stones this year. Saguvali kattés having been applied for, Mr. Krishnaiengar inspected those at Honnenhalli, and informed the Deputy Commissioner. The latter officer states that he has granted some of the applications and referred others for further investigation to the Deputy Amildar.
4. Loans for Irrigation Wells were sanctioned during the fortnight in the Holalkere and Davangere Taluks as follows :—

	Number of Wells.	Amount sanctioned.	Amount advanced as 1st Instalment.		
		Rs.	Rs.	A.	P.
Holalkere...	14	3,950	1,062	8	0
Davangere	15	3,350	1,900	0	0
Total...	29	7,300	2,962	8	0

5. The following sums were advanced on account of 2nd instalment :—

Hiriyur Taluk	...	Rs. 275.
Davangere Taluk	...	„ 250.

6. Mr. Krishnaiengar notes that in 6 villages of the Hiriyur Taluk, 87 men and 115 women were working daily on the well works.
7. He states that the condition of men and plough cattle in the Taluks through which he passed is good, that even the smaller cattle, except in parts of Davangere, are not altogether bad, that there is a sufficient water-supply, the new Irrigation Wells having removed the difficulty in many parts, that there is no demand for relief works in any of these taluks as the few that need work get it on Saguvali kattés and wells, that though many relief works are kept open, people have not taken advantage of the same, that everywhere there is ample supply of food grains, and that those who have no stock of their own are freely helped by their more favored friends and relations, who have not as yet lost confidence in them and expect to be repayed on the return of better seasons. He adds that this state of things might continue till the end of April.
8. There was difficulty for drinking water at Mattigatta which is a halting place, midway between Honnavalli and Huliya. A good well sunk there would be of use to the villagers and travellers.

No. D. 291, DATED BANGALORE, 31ST MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

2. The attention of the Deputy-Commissioner of Tumkur is drawn to the remarks made regarding the difficulty for drinking water at Mattigatta.

3. The condition of the people, as it appears from Mr. Krishnaiengar's diary (*vide* para 7 of the abstract above), is satisfactory.

READ :—

Letter No. 2030—495, dated 22nd October 1891, from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District, inquiring whether loans for the construction of Irrigation Wells under the Rules prescribed by Notification No. 183, dated 21st July 1891, can be granted to holders of Inam and Jodi villages and Minor Inams, and also to holders of Service Inams.

Letter No. 4, dated 1st January 1892, from Mr. H. V. Nanjundaiya, Sub-Judge on Special duty, for granting loans for Irrigation Wells in the Kolar District, requesting orders on the points referred to in the above.

No. D. 292, DATED BANGALORE, 31st MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Loans for the construction of Irrigation Wells may be granted to Inamdars and holders of Minor Inams as well as to the holders of Sarkar lands, provided they agree to the conditions imposed by the Rules.

2. Pending the revision of the existing rule relating to the forfeiture of Service Inams and the substitution therefor of a rule providing, in cases where such Inams are forfeited by loss of office and other causes, for the procedure by way of mere resumption of the Inam tenure and imposition of full assessment, the Government hereby direct the Irrigation Well Rules should apply to Service Inams in the same way as to other Inams.

READ:—

Returns (of which an Abstract is given below) of the progress of Relief Works and Drinking Water wells in the Tumkur District, for the fortnight ending 29th February 1892, received with letter No. 960, dated 20th March 1892, from the Deputy Commissioner of Tumkur.

ABSTRACT.

I. VILLAGE RELIEF WORKS.—1. The following table shows the number of works under progress during the fortnight, the number of coolies on them and the amount spent as compared with the figures for the previous fortnight:—

Number.	Taluka.	Number of Works.		Number of Coolies.				Total Number of coolies in the previous fortnight.	Outlay.				
		Fortnight under review.	Previous fortnight.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.		In the fortnight under review.	In the previous fortnight.	Aggregate.		
1	Tumkur Taluk ...	10	9	229	110	...	339	192	1,018	11 9	578	8...	1,597 3 9
2	Chiknayakanhalli Taluk	5	3	56	32	...	88	134	144	8 8	163	14...	308 6 8
3	Sira do	8	...	107	66	1	174	...	214	7 2	...	...	214 7 2
4	Gubbi do	5	...	42	12	...	54	...	295	13 2	...	...	295 13 2
5	Pavagada do	2	2	14	14	...	28	63	59	1 5	191	14 2	250 15 7
6	Kunigal do	8	8	284	118	...	402	552	700	12 6	1,459	8 6	2,160 5...
7	Turuvekere Sub-Taluk	5	4	42	40	...	82	302	83	6 7	183	...	1 266 6 8
	Tumkur Town ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	90	...	...	55	5...	55 5...
	Maddagiri Taluk ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	10...	10 10...
	Total.....	43	28	774	392	1	1,167	1,333	2,516	13 3	2,642	11 9	5,159 9 0

Eighteen new works were started during the fortnight, but 3 old ones, namely, 1 in the Tumkur Town, 1 in the Maddagiri Taluk and one in the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk, are omitted in the accounts.

3. On 2 works in the Gubbi Taluk on which Rs. 200 odd were spent during the fortnight, no coolies were working on the last day of the fortnight. The number of works which had over 50 coolies on the last day of the fortnight was 6, of which 4 had between 50 and 100, and 2 a little over 100. The Dasihalli Tank work, which in the previous fortnight had over 200 coolies, had only 25 at the end of the fortnight under review.

4. The distance of the villages from which the coolies came did not exceed 3 miles in any case. The number of such villages was 102. The coolies on most of the works newly started were local.

5. All the works were carried on on the Amani system, except one in the Chiknayakanhalli Taluk (Dugadahalli Tank), concerning which no information is given on this point.

6. The works were all in the charge of Patels, acting either singly or jointly with others, excepting 5; of these latter, 4 were in charge of Shanbhogs.

7. The wages were the same as in the previous fortnight. They were sufficient. The work done was satisfactory.

II. AMANI CULTIVATION OF TANK BEDS.—No outlay on this during the fortnight.

III. DRINKING WATER WELLS.—The following table shows the number sanctioned and the number remaining to be excavated:—

Taluks.	Under construction at the end of previous fortnight.		Sanctioned but not taken on hand at the end of previous fortnight.		Sanctioned during the fortnight under review.		Total Number to be excavated and depend.	Number completed.		Remaining under construction.		Not taken on hand.	
	New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.		New.	Old.	New.	Old.	New.	Old.
Tumkur Taluk (inclusive of Town) ...	5	2	...	...	10	3	20	1	...	9	3	5	2
Chiknayakanhalli Taluk (including Sub-Taluk) ...	5	5	6	2	12	4	34	...	...	7	...	16	11
Tiptur Taluk (including Sub-Taluk) ...	5	7	...	...	2	2	16	...	...	2	2	5	7
Gulbi ...	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	...	4	...	...	...
Kunigal ...	...	...	...	...	2	4	6	...	...	2	4	...	...
Total.....	15	14	6	2	30	13	80	1	..	24	9	26	20

No. D. 294, DATED BANGALORE, 31ST MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—It is not clear why the three Relief Works shown in para 2 of the abstract above are omitted in the returns. If they were not closed and their omission was due to the fact of no laborers having come to work on them, their names should have been shown in the statement, to complete the list of works actually started and kept open for relief purposes. In the case of such works, the Deputy Commissioner should satisfy himself that there was nothing wanting in the arrangements made for their proper execution.

2. The omission of all information under the head "Whether the work is done on the Amani or the Contract system," as regards the Dugadahalli tank, Chiknayakanhalli Taluk, creates a doubt that the work was perhaps given out on the Contract system. If so, the fact should have been stated in the return and the particulars of the contract should have been reported.

3. The 13 wells which remained under construction in the Huliya and Turuvekere Sub-Taluk at the end of the fortnight ending 15th February, have not been shown either as completed during the fortnight under review or as remaining under construction at the end of it. The total number of works completed during the fortnight, including those undertaken in previous fortnights, should be shown in column 2 of the Statement No. 2, and similarly the total number remaining under construction, including those begun in previous fortnights should be shown in column 3, so that the return of one fortnight read with those of previous fortnights might show the progress made in regard to the total number sanctioned from the beginning of this season.

4. A correct return in the light of the above remarks should be submitted at once.

READ:—

Statement (of which an Abstract is given below) of the loans granted for Saguvalli Kattés in the Chitaldroog District during the fortnight ending the 15th March 1892, received with docket No. 633—598, dated 19th idem, from the Deputy Commissioner of Chitaldroog.

ABSTRACT.

The number and amount of loans sanctioned and amount of cheques issued were as follows:—

No.	Taluk.	Number of Loans.	Amount thereof.	Amount of Cheques issued.
1	Chitaldroog	...	...	...
2	Davangere	...	...	...
3	Jagalur	...	...	...
4	Holalkere...	...	...	...
	Total.....	125	9,785	7,360

Including the sums of Rs. 4,475 and 2,925 sanctioned and paid up to the end of February 1892, the total amount of loans sanctioned was Rs. 14,260 and the total amount of cheques issued Rs. 10,285.

No. D. 295, DATED BANGALORE, 31ST MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—The progress made in the grant of loans for Saguvali Kattés in the Chitaldroog District is satisfactory. More loans should be given as fast as possible so that the new and improved Saguvali Kattés may be in a fit condition to retain water during the next rains.

2. The Deputy Commissioner should report at once what arrangements he has made for ascertaining the actual progress made in the repair of old Saguvali Kattés or the construction of new ones for which loans have been granted. The Deputy Commissioner should also permit every Assistant Commissioner under him, and especially the Extra Assistant Commissioner newly appointed, to grant loans for Saguvali Kattés in the Taluks visited by them on other duty.

LEAD:—

Returns (of which an Abstract is given below) of the progress of Relief Works in the Kolar District for the fortnight ending 15th February 1892, received with letter No. 3682—881, dated 20th March 1892, from the Deputy Commissioner of Kolar.

ABSTRACT.

The number of Relief Works, the number of coolies thereon and the amount spent on them were as follows:—

	Number of works.		Number of coolies at the end of the fortnight.				Number of coolies at the end of January.	Amount spent—					
	In the fortnight under review.	At the close of January.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.		During the fortnight under review.	Up to the end of January.	Aggregate.			
Kolar Taluk ...	4	2	182	91	50	323	173	Rs. 398	A. P. 4 11	Rs. 414	A. P. 12 1	Rs. 813	A. P. 1 0
Mulbagal do ...	9	8	135	119	5	259	352	570	0 8	987	9 1	1,557	9 9
Chintamani Taluk	11	9	145	122	11	278	282	440	7 10	921	5 9	1,361	13 7
Srinivaspur Sub-Taluk	5	4	82	67	11	160	150	232	0 10	472	6 5	704	7 3
Bagepalli Taluk	8	7	75	97	8	180	198	278	4 5	489	7 10	767	12 3
Gudibanda Sub-Taluk	4	2	33	40	2	75	47	116	6 5	176	9 3	292	15 8
Bowringpet Taluk	7	...	88	62	23	171	...	254	9 11	...	...	254	9 11
Malar do	10	...	1,057	785	93	1,935	...	236	1 11	...	...	236	1 11
Total.....	58	32	1,795	1,383	203	3,381	1,202	2,526	4 11	3,462	2 5	5,988	7 4

The number of coolies mentioned against the Taluks of Bowringpet, and Bagepalli and the Sub-Taluks of Srinivasapur and Gudibanda is the daily average for the fortnight compiled from weekly reports received, and not the actual number on the last day of the fortnight. The Taluk officers concerned did not submit the returns in the form prescribed in spite of reminders sent. They have been strictly warned against recurrence of such delays.

The works were mostly in charge of Patels. The wages paid were the same as those reported in the previous Return, except that a head cooly was paid at the rate of 3 annas a day. They were considered sufficient. The management and supervision of the works were efficient.

No. D. 296, DATED BANGALORE, 31ST MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

2. The progress of Relief Works reported in the above, is satisfactory.

READ:—

Diary (of which an Abstract is given below) of the Sub-Judge on Special duty in the Kolar District, for the week ended 13th February 1892, received with docket No. 3226—778, dated 19th idem, from the Deputy Commissioner, Kolar District.

ABSTRACT.

Wells were inspected in about 24 villages and 18 loans were sanctioned, viz., 13 in Goribidnur Taluk, 4 in Chikballapur Taluk and 1 in Gudibanda Sub-Taluk. The loans were in 13 cases for the construction of new kapile wells, and in 5 cases for the restoration or improvement of old kapile wells. The total amount sanctioned during the week was Rs. 4,050, of which Rs. 1,310 were paid as first instalment. The period allowed for repayment ranged from 8 to 15 years.

2. Nearly Rs. 5,000 had been granted in the Goribidnur Taluk before receipt of copy of the Deputy Commissioner's remark on last week's diary, that Rs. 10,000 was too much to be advanced in that Taluk. Many cases still remained in the 2 dry hoblis of Dod Maykanpalya and Nagargere, but endeavour was made to lessen the amount as much as possible and the work in that Taluk was closed with a total of Rs. 7,000.

3. Mr. Nanjundaiya observes that the Tank Inspector should be able to supervise the work done by recipients of loans, and that the Amildar also should pay more attention to this work than he has hitherto been able to do.

4. He notes also that though 95 applications had been presented in the Sidlaghatta Taluk, yet the trial wells, &c., had not been inspected either by the Amildar or by the Sheristadar.

No. D. 297, DATED BANGALORE, 31ST MARCH 1892.

ORDER THEREON.—Recorded.

2. The attention of the Deputy Commissioner is drawn to the matters referred to in paras 3 and 4 of the abstract above.

L. ANANTASWAMI RAO,
Under-Secretary.